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SUBJECT: SECURITY AND UPCOMING NAVAL EXERCISE

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[1](#). (S) Post is monitoring closely the security environment for Jordan and for the Gulf of Aqaba in light of three potential threats reported in refs. The U.S.-Jordan naval exercise Infinite Moonlight will take place in the Gulf of Aqaba August 13-25. The deployment will include port calls and shore leave for four U.S. naval vessels at Aqaba.

[2](#). (S) Amman RSO, RMAS, and DAO Amman's force protection office are closely engaged with Jordanian security and military at senior levels to ensure that security preparations for the planned exercise, port calls and shore leave are appropriate. Post's emergency action committee convened August 1 and concluded that preparations for all planned aspects of exercise Infinite Moonlight should proceed while post monitors the security environment closely (septel reports aspects of the EAC meeting not related to Infinite Moonlight). EAC will reconvene in the coming week in order to review the security situation and the appropriateness of proceeding with activities planned in connection to Infinite Moonlight.

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